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Enlargement of the membership of the Commission on Population and Development: election of 20 members

Note by the Secretariat

1. By decision 1995/320 of 12 December 1995, the Economic and Social Council decided that the membership of the Commission on Population and Development should be increased from 27 to 47.

2. In the same decision, the Council decided that the members of the Commission should be elected by the Council from among the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies before the opening of the twenty-ninth session of the Commission. The new members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

(a) Five members from African States;

(b) Six members from Asian States;

(c) Two members from Eastern European States;

(d) Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Three members from Western European and other States.

3. In accordance with United Nations practice, upon completion of the membership, there will be a drawing of lots to stagger the initial terms of

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office. Therefore, one third of those elected will serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996, one third for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997, and one third for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1998.